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Mr. E. A. O'Hara, President
New York State Publishers Association
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Dear Mr. O'Hara:

We were delighted to have your kind invitation to Placid, welcoming it as an opportunity to tell you what we have set out to do in this peculiar business in which we are engaged here. Unfortunately, Mr. Jackson's plans were changed over the weekend and he has suggested that perhaps Mr. Lyman Kirkpatrick carry his end of the stick. You will find Kirkpatrick eminently well-qualified for the job, for despite his youth he is one of the nation's most experienced and ablest intelligence men. At Mr. Jones's suggestion, we shall split the presentation and yet forty minutes or at the most an hour should suffice for us both.

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Because [REDACTED] Psychological Strategy Board has not yet progressed to the point where it can take to the stump, we shall limit our appearance to a subject you may wish to bill as "The United States and Its Intelligence System." The presentation should preferably be an off the record one. In as sensitive a security area as this, we find that we can go farther with fewer restraints when speaking FFI only.

If agreeable to you, we shall probably arrive on Saturday afternoon, spend Sunday at Placid and leave shortly after our session with you on Monday morning. The customary biographical summaries are attached in the event you need them.

As you have undoubtedly heard many times before, we who mourned Casey's departure from Washington envy you for getting the best editor in the business.

Sincerely,

C. B. Hansen
Colonel, USAF
Assistant to the Director

Enclosures

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